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CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual

Chief Madden called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY – via Zoom:

Chief William Gabrenya	Bartlett FPD	Chief Rick Sander	Lombard FD
Chief Matt Beyer	Bloomingtondale FPD	DC Ray Kickert	Lombard FD
Chief John Madden (Chair)	Burr Ridge PD	Chief Barry Liss	Oak Brook FD
Chief Brian Leahy	Clarendon Hills FD	Chief Steve Herron	Roselle PD
DC Jason Norton	Darien PD	Chief Mark Bozik	Roselle FD
Chief Steve Gorsky	Darien-Woodridge FPD	DC Dave Gnadt	Roselle FD
DC Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	Chief Ron Rakosnik	Villa Park FD
Chief Anaszewicz	Elmhurst FD	Chief Andrew Dina	Warrenville FPD
DC Brett Kaczorowski	Elmhurst PD	Chief Pat Tanner	West Chicago FPD
DC Rick Cassidy	Glenside FPD	Interim Chief Chris Shackelford	West Chicago PD
AC Eric Fors	Hanover Park FD	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield FPD
Chief John Giannelli	Hinsdale FD	Chief David Schar	Winfield PD
Chief Ron Wilke	Lisle PD	Chief Andy Bonomo	York Center FPD
DC Steve Demas	Lisle-Woodridge FPD	DC Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
Chief Roy Newton	Lombard PD		

DU-COMM STAFF: Director Tegtmeyer Deputy Director Lamela, Deputy Director Baarman, Executive Secretary Keifer,

2. Approval of Minutes

A. May 11, 2021

Chief Bonomo made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes and Chief Anaszewicz seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Executive Committee (Chief Madden)

A. May 26, 2021

Director Tegtmeyer noted policy approved for DU-COMM to determine if unused site equipment can be reused by members. Approved the transfer of the portable radio tower to MABAS Illinois. Approved two full-time Administrative Assistants to support Operations staff. The Commercial Real Estate Broker RFP for 600 Wall Street closed and staff to review submissions. Staff continues to review the Banking RFP submissions.

4. Report of the Committees

A. Support Services

AC Fors noted at the June 2 meeting, the Committee reviewed ETSB policy on units and accessories. Chief Dina to request the ETSB standardize future radio training. Discussed PAC work on encryption, etc., and reviewed a presentation on the VPN backup between DU-COMM and ETSB.

B. Police Operations (Chief Dave Schar)

Chief Schar noted at the last meeting Chief Newton asked about several important topics. The Committee discussed Written Directives updates, and new radios.

C. Fire Operations (Chief Patrick Tanner)

Chief Tanner noted the Committee reviewed housekeeping items and discussed the Emergency Operations Written Directive. The majority of the Fire Ops work continues to go through the Fire Standardization Subcommittee.

5. ETSB Report

A. Director Tegtmeyer noted ETSB meets tomorrow, to discuss fire radio batteries, resolutions to declare equipment surplus, inventory transfers from ETSB to DU-COMM, and a few change orders. Budget prep starts, and the ETSB continues work with PSAPs to develop an IGA and define the scope and responsibilities between the organizations.

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B. PAC Update

DD Baarman noted the PAC discussed encryption for the new radios, looking at AS256 as the encryption standard. Will provide a recommendation of all options to the ETSB, but recommendations are not final until the ETSB approves them. Discussed radio end of life issues, and intrinsically safe batteries for the AP7000 XE radio. The batteries with the green dot indicate they are intrinsically safe. Motorola stopped providing that radio. DU-COMM to determine if another is available, what the certification means, and what is needed. ACDC to return the APXNext radio demo case, and DU-COMM will share it with police agencies to review, test, and offer feedback. A similar demo case with the APXNext XE radio to circulate to the fire agencies soon. DD Baarman noted the need for a quick response regarding the survey Chief Holmer recently sent. Chief Madden asked members to return the survey to the Carol Stream Chief.

Chief Dina noted he is the PAC Fire Chief Rep, and the ETSB wants to move forward with the radio purchase ASAP. He noted DD Baarman feels it wise to wait for the NFPA 1802 compliant radios before the radio purchase is made, and Chief Dina agrees, but the battery issue is pressing. He noted Chief Connolly believes radios would be safe if intrinsically rated batteries are purchased, even if they are not certified with that radio. Coordinator Lozar found intrinsically safe batteries, and if the solution to the battery issue is found, it will bridge the gap until the NFPA 1802 radios are available, which is expected by the end of 2021. Fire Chiefs asked to email Chief Dina and advise if they are comfortable with purchasing intrinsically rated batteries for the radios, knowing that together they have not been certified.

6. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report – May

B. Operations/Training Report – May

C. Support Services Report – May

D. Human Resources Report – May

E. Revenue Expenditure Report – April

Chief Madden noted reports in the packet.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. DU-COMM Chiefs Committee – Nomination/Election of Vice Chairman

Chief Madden noted the need to fill the Vice-Chairman position and Director Tegtmeyer noted Vice-Chairman Chief Barry Liss will be the Chairman in July and the need to find a police representative to fill the Vice-Chairman role. The Vice-Chairman moves to Chairman next July and these positions also serve on the Executive Committee. Chief Madden asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. Chief Madden asked again for nominations from the floor, asked a third time, and there were none. Chief Madden closed nominations with no response.

B. Written Directive Approval

06.02.01 Emergency Operations

AC Fors made the motion to approve Written Directives 06.02.01 Emergency Operations and Chief Tanner seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Other Business

DD Lamela noted DuPage County no longer conducts Reverse 9-1-1 notifications, and ACDC did not assume the task when the Sheriff joined them. At the PSAP Supervisors meeting, possible community notification systems were discussed. OEM could send notifications. Director Tegtmeyer noted a survey to be added to PowerDMS regarding community notification systems for the agency liaison to complete and will email Chiefs regarding the survey. It was noted the Reverse 9-1-1 system was based on landlines, largely nonexistent now. IPAWS is used for in-progress emergencies. Further discussion ensued that members had discussed DU-COMM as the alert point, but two communities have completed applications to activate IPAWS, and DU-COMM got direction to rely on County OEM to activate. More training is needed to understand the authority to activate. IPAWS notifications will reach all cell phones in the community regardless. Late at night, last month, there was a 9-1-1 outage that impacted landlines only, less than 20% of calls, and a majority of those were businesses. So the authorization to notify cell phones that were not impacted by the outage was a concern. Need to be clear when to use IPAWS. It was noted OEM will send IPAWS notifications if members feel it is needed, as DU-COMM does not have a notification system. The next logical step, determine who has a community based notifications systems and how are they used, to determine if DU-COMM should get into the notification business, at a cost.

10. Adjournment

At 1:30 p.m. Chief Anaszewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Bozik seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Keifer

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